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## **Important Notice State Funds Will No Longer Be Available For Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Co-Payments**

To: RxAmerica  
AHCCCS Contracted Health Plan Pharmacy Directors  
Mindy Rasmussen, RPh, Arizona Pharmacy Alliance

Cc: DHCM Managers

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Unfortunately, due to the state budget deficit, **the AHCCCS Part D Co-Payment Program**, administered by RxAmerica to cover Medicare Part D co-payments for AHCCCS Dual Eligible Members, **will be discontinued as of March 1, 2009.**

Under Arizona Laws 2008, Chapter 285, Section 3, and Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 35-154, funding cannot be provided for a program other than what is allowed in the state budget.

All AHCCCS Dual Eligible Members have been sent a letter to inform them of the discontinuation of this program and that the pharmacy may require payment of Medicare Part D co-payments prior to a member receiving prescriptions that are covered under the Medicare Part D benefit.

The discontinuation of the AHCCCS Part D Co-Payment Program applies to all dual eligible members, therefore members are not entitled to a hearing on this decision. Please see Arizona Administrative Codes R9-34-319 and R9-3422.

For the AHCCCS Health Plans, please send this notice to your PBMs and request that they communicate this program change to all of their network pharmacies.

If you have any questions, please email Suzanne Berman at [Suzanne.Berman@azahcccs.gov](mailto:Suzanne.Berman@azahcccs.gov) or Jimmy Borders at [James.Borders@azahcccs.gov](mailto:James.Borders@azahcccs.gov).